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**Inquiry:** I understand that the RCP's scope of practice may include analysis of ABG's and Electrolytes. Our ABG analyzers are capable of Na, K, ionized Ca, glucose, lactic acid, and co-oximetry. We would like to implement a Code Blue blood gas panel that the RCP would do. My questions are: (1) If done in conjunction with an ABG, is the RCP permitted to analyze and result all of these, including Hgb? (2) Can you send back some documentation regarding this or point me in the right direction?

**Response:** Please be advised that the performance of a Code Blue blood gas panel that is done in conjunction with an ABG is nearly verbatim from the Respiratory Care Practice Act and allowed.

Please refer to Section 1245 of the Business & Professions Code additional information.

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